

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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January 9, 2002

Mr. Linwood A. Watson, Jr., Acting Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Mr. Watson:

In accordance with 18 CFR, Section 16.6(b), enclosed for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on behalf of the California Department of Water Resources, Licensee for FERC Project No. 2100, are an original and 14 copies of the Department's "Notice of Intent to File Application for New License" for FERC Project No. 2100.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact me at (916) 653-8043, or your staff may contact Rick Ramirez, Manager of the Department's Oroville Facilities Relicensing Program at (916) 653-6408.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by
Frank Conti for)

Raymond D. Hart
Deputy Director

Enclosures

cc: Mr. James Fargo
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Before the

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

**Department of
Water Resources of the
State of California**

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Project No. 2100

Notice of Intent to File Application for New License

In accordance with 18 C.F.R. Section 16.6(b), the Department of Water Resources of the State of California, licensee for the Oroville Division, State Water Facilities (FERC Project No. 2100), hereby provides notice to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission of the Department's intent to file an application for new license for the Oroville Division, State Water Facilities. The following information is provided to support this Notice of Intent:

1. Licensee's Name and Address

State of California
Department of Water Resources
1416 Ninth Street
Post Office Box 942836
Sacramento, California 94236-0001

2. Project Number

FERC Project No. 2100

3. License expiration date

January 31, 2007

4. An unequivocal statement of the licensee's intention to file or not to file an application for a new license

The Department of Water Resources of the State of California hereby states its unequivocal intent to file an application for a new license including an Applicant-Prepared Draft Environmental Assessment for the Oroville Division, State Water Facilities, FERC Project No. 2100, on or before January 31, 2005.

5. Type of principal project works licensed, such as dam and reservoir, powerhouse, or transmission lines

The project works consist of Oroville Dam (770 feet in height) and Reservoir, three power plants (Edward Hyatt Pumping-Generating Plant, Thermalito Diversion Dam Power Plant, and Thermalito Pumping-Generating Plant), Thermalito Diversion Dam (143 feet in height), the Feather River Fish Hatchery and Fish Barrier Dam (91 feet in height), Thermalito Power Canal, Oroville Wildlife Area, Thermalito Forebay and Forebay Dam (91 feet in height), Thermalito Afterbay and Afterbay Dam, and associated transmission lines. A number of recreation facilities are also included within the project boundary. The Oroville Dam, along with two small saddle dams, impounds Lake Oroville, a 3.5 million-acre-feet capacity storage reservoir with a surface area of 15,810 acres at its normal maximum operating level.

6. Whether the application is for a power or non-power license

The Oroville Division, State Water Facilities new license application will be for a power license.

7. The location of the project by state, county, and stream, and when appropriate, by city or nearby city.

The Oroville Division, State Water Facilities are located on the Feather River, near the City of Oroville, in Butte County, California.

8. Installed plant capacity

The hydroelectric facilities have a combined licensed capacity of approximately 762 megawatts. The Edward Hyatt Pumping-Generating Plant is the largest of the three power plants with a capacity of 645 MW. Other generation facilities include the 3 MW Thermalito Diversion Dam Power Plant and the 114 MW Thermalito Pump-Generating Plant.

9. Location(s) of public information sites required under 18 CFR Section 16.7

California Department of Water Resources
1416 Ninth Street, Room 742
Sacramento, California 94236-0001

Butte County Public Library
1820 Mitchell Avenue
Oroville, California 95965

10. (i) **Names and mailing addresses of every county in which any part of the project is located, and in which any Federal facility that is used by the project is located.**

County of Butte
25 County Center Drive
Oroville, California 95965-3380

- (ii) **Names and mailing addresses of every city, town, Indian tribe, or similar political subdivision in which any part of the project is located and in which any Federal facility that is used by the project is located, or that has a population of 5,000 or more and is located within 15 miles of the project dam:**

See Attachment A

- (iii) **Names and mailing addresses of every irrigation district, drainage district, or similar special purpose political subdivision in which any part of the project is located and in which any Federal facility that is used by the project is located, or that owns, operates, maintains, or uses any project facility, or any Federal facility that is used by the project:**

See Attachment A

- (iv) **The names and mailing addresses of every other political subdivision in the general area of the project that there is reason to believe would be likely to be interested in, or affected by, the notification:**

See Attachment A

Respectfully Submitted:

California Department of Water Resources

By: Original signed by Frank Conti for

Its: Deputy Director

Date: January 9, 2002

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ATTACHMENT "A"

10. (ii) Cities, Towns, and Indian Tribes

City of Biggs
3016 Sixth Street
Biggs, California 95917

City of Gridley
685 Kentucky
Gridley, California 95948

City of Oroville
1735 Montgomery Street
Oroville, California 95965

Town of Paradise
5555 Skyway
Paradise, California 95969

Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria
1907-F Mangrove Avenue
Chico, California 95926

Enterprise Rancheria
1940 Feather River Boulevard, Suite B
Oroville, California 95965

Mooretown Rancheria
#1 Alverda Drive
Oroville, California 95966

Berry Creek Rancheria of KonKow Maidu Indians
5 Tyme Way
Oroville, California 95966

Greenville Rancheria of Maidu Indians
Post Office Box 279
Greenville, California 95947

10. (iii) Irrigation Districts

Biggs-West Gridley Water District
1713 West Biggs Gridley Road
Gridley, California 95948

Butte Water District
735 Virginia Street
Gridley, California 95948

Joint Water District Board
735 Virginia Street
Gridley, California 95948

Oroville Wyandotte Irrigation District
2310 Oroville-Quincy Hwy
Post Office Box 581
Oroville, California 95965

Paradise Irrigation District
5325 Black Olive Drive
Post Office Box 2409
Paradise, California 95967-2407

Richvale Irrigation District
1193 Richvale Highway
Post Office Box 147
Richvale, California 95974

Sutter Extension Water District
4525 Franklin Road
Yuba City, California 95991

Thermalito Irrigation District
410 Grand Avenue
Oroville, California 95966

Western Canal Water District
2003 Nelson Road
Post Office Box 190
Richvale, California 95974

10. (iv) Political Subdivisions

Butte County Fire Department
176 Nelson Avenue
Oroville, California 95966

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Butte Ranger Unit Headquarters
176 Nelson Avenue
Oroville, California 95966

California Department of Fish and Game
945 Oroville Dam Boulevard
Oroville, California 95966

California Department of Parks and Recreation
Northern Buttes District
400 Glen Drive
Oroville, California 95966

Feather River Recreation & Park District
1200 Myers Street
Oroville, California 95965

Lake Oroville Joint Powers Authority
1735 Montgomery Street
Oroville, California 95965

Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District
1960 Elgin Street
Oroville, California 95966

10. (iv) Other Political Subdivisions in the Greater Area

City of Chico
PO Box 3420
Chico, California 95927

Plumas County
520 Main Street, Suite 309
Quincy, California 95971-6006

Sutter County
1160 Civic Center Boulevard
Yuba City, California 95991

Yuba County
215 Fifth Street
Marysville, California 95901

Yuba County Water Agency
1402 D Street
Marysville, California 95901